

**TOWN OF BREMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM AND IN-PERSON
March 5, 2026 5:00 p.m.**

Selectmen present: Tom Papell, John "Boe" Marsh and Wendy Pieh

Town Representatives: Melanie Pendleton, Town Clerk, Keena Cates, Deputy Clerk.

Public present: Ann Nesslage, Hal D'Alby, Hank Nevins, Walter Radloff, Tony Ferrara, Cheryl Ferrara in person and Susie Davis via ZOOM..

The Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Selectman Marsh.

Selectman Marsh announced the Special Town Meeting date of March 19th @ 5:00 pm, here at 208 Waldoboro Road. He then read the articles for the Special Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh, to approve and sign the warrant as read.

So voted 3-0

Cheryl Ferrara announced the date for the first Comprehensive Plan meeting to be Thursday, March 26 @ 6:00 pm here at the Town Center. Emily Rabbe, from LCRPC and Max Johnstone, from MCOG will both be in attendance.

Clerk Pendleton discussed the office will have to close for training on the new Central Voter Registration site that the Secretary of State office will be conducting. There are two four-hour training sessions and all three-office staff must take the training. The different dates sent to the SOS office are:

Thursday March 26	all day
Wednesday April 1	1-5 training
Thursday April 2	8-12 training

Once confirmed with the SOS office it will be advertised, emailed and put on the web site as to when the office would be closed.

Ann Nesslage spoke for the BCC, discussed having an insert in the annual town report, this being to remind land owners of septic inspection, maintenance etc. as they believe that there are numerous owners that do not know what should be done. They are contacting local companies also to see if any discount could be offered for pumping of septic tanks. Selectman Marsh requested that the Shellfish Committee be included on this and for assisting with the process. Clerk Pendleton also stated that the Planning Board has discussed this at the meeting in February and asked the BCC to contact the

Chair of the PB as to not cross over any action that that board was involved with on this subject.

The BCC has set the date for the Tree Panel, this will be on Wednesday, July 15 @ 5:00 pm here at the Town Center. Pizza will be after the panel discussion. This will cover what the existing problems are and what potential issues are coming in the future. Naomi and Susie are currently working on a booklet, this would be for beneficial plants, very much like what was done on the invasives.

Selectman Papell reviewed the three different estimates that were received from New Harbor Marine Construction LLC. The first being for just the repair of the pilings, stringers and 8x8 caps. The second being to replace the 5x170 walkway and the 16x16 platform. The final estimate would be to replace the entire dock. The cost for each of these:

Option #1	\$56,250
Option #2	\$136,300
Option # 3	\$169,068

All estimates include permitting and the erosion issue. The work would be started in the Fall and depending on which option decided at the Special Town Meeting, it would take anywhere from 4 weeks to 8 weeks (approx.) to complete.

Hank Nevins added that the pilings were replaced the last time 30 years ago.

Susie Davis asked as to the funding, if the requested amount on the Special Town Meeting Warrant where these funds were coming from and how much it would effect property taxes. Clerk Pendleton explained that, as stated on the warrant, the funds were coming from unexpended thus no effect on taxes.

Selectman Marsh reminded everyone that the Budget Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, March 18 @ 3:00 pm. This meeting is open to the public but not as to questioning, this would be observation only. The questioning for the public is to happen at the Town Meeting.

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Chair Pieh, to approve the warrant of 02-27- 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to accept the minutes February 19, 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to accept the Assessor minutes February 19, 2026.

So voted 3-0

On a motion made by Selectman Papell, seconded by Selectman Marsh to adjourn at 5:31 pm.

So voted 3-0